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ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS CASH IN ADVANCE.

Corporate financing in this country last month approximated \$160,000,000, a \$10,000,000 increase over the corresponding month in 1913.

The Journal of Commerce estimates that the new capital issues by railroads and industrials in March totalled \$129,835,000, against \$118,449,600 last year.

By a vote of 213 to 36 the citizens of Berea showed themselves in favor of a graded school. In the early Spring, ground will be broken for the new building.

To an observer at the mouth of the Mississippi river, the idea that the region is a great dumping ground for a large part of the United States is most impressive. The land is being built out into the sea at an estimated average of about three hundred feet a year. In some places the rate is much more rapid than in others. In one place in Garden Island Bay, the land appears to have advanced 2,000 feet in the spring of 1912.

TIPS BOTH WILLSON AND COX.

A Louisville dispatch says former Governor Augustus E. Willson is being mentioned as a probable candidate in the United States Senatorial contest. Combinations between leading Republicans and Progressives are reported and Willson, running on a Republican ticket, is to have their support, it is said.

A dispatch from Frankfort also tips former Lieutenant-Governor W. H. Cox, now of Louisville, as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

It would be another coincidence if Willson and Cox, both Maysville men, should again win out for these two big offices.

THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY.

One of the largest of New York's retail stores is now advertising "75-cent French ballbrigan shirts and drawers at 39 cents," and "\$2 French white lisle shirts and drawers at \$1.19." These garments, says the advertisement, are "the last importation under the new Tariff." This begins to tell the story of how American manufacturers of underwear are to be undersold in the American market by permission of the Underwood Free-Trade Tariff. It is only a beginning of the operation of a Tariff law that was expressly designed to increase foreign competition in the domestic market. How well that design is working out is shown in the marking down of prices of imported goods to a point where domestic competition becomes impossible, and domestic production, wage paying and wage spending must cease. Such is the natural and inevitable workout of a "competitive" Tariff.

TAFT ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

Former President William H. Taft at a banquet at the Canadian Club in the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on January 29th sounded a note of warning to the Canadians on public ownership of utilities. His statement was in part as follows: "Let me warn you to act with care in the operation of your great public utilities. Public ownership may be all right; I don't know. But I do know that public operation of the people's needs is a mighty dangerous thing to dabble with. The business of governing bodies and councils is not to operate; their business is to attend to the affairs which concern them, and they have no right to invest sums of money in utilities while more needed things are left in want. Let them who think otherwise try it in a small way," he said, "and let them who would rush ahead do so and then foot the bill, for I warn you again that a high tax rate is not a pleasant platform on which to come before the electorate."

The paper used by the Government printing office each year requires approximately 125 million pounds of rag pulp and 490 million pounds of wood pulp.

John D. Rockefeller is no longer a stockholder of the Union Tank Line Company. Some time last spring or summer he turned his holdings over to the Rockefeller foundation, and it appears that the foundation has since disposed of close to 6,000 of the 29,813 shares originally held by Mr. Rockefeller.

The Carlisle Board of Education has ordered the city schools closed during the session of K. E. A. to pay the teachers 75 cents additional each month to aid in paying the expenses of the attendance upon the K. E. A., and to send one member of the board of education to represent the board in the meeting.

A mayor of Philadelphia said he could rid the jails two-thirds of the boy criminals in the next year if he could banish bad plays from the boards of the variety theaters and put bad books out of print. An officer of the British Government declares that nearly all the boys brought before the criminal courts owe their downfall to impure reading.—Orison Swett Marden.

CHAMP CLARK NOW THE IDEAL DEMOCRAT.

It doesn't take as much sense to be a good President as it does to make a good Congressman. A President has his Cabinet to advise him, while a Congressman has to think for himself.

The Monroe Doctrine is not dead, and my answer to those who say it is in the answer of that great President, Cleveland, that we are the sovereigns of this continent, and that no foreign nation shall colonize, without taking a chance of getting a licking from us.—Champ Clark's New York speech.

THEORY VS. FACT.

Notwithstanding the new tariff, the import prices of a number of articles show an advance; for instance—bar iron, pig iron, rice, coal, unbleached cotton cloth, cylinder glass, matings, cheese. Showing this by comparative figures the New York Sun says: "The import prices as published represent the price of the articles in question in the country from which it is imported, and the general advance seems to sustain the theory that exporters to the United States take advantage of the opportunity offered by tariff reduction to advance their prices, thus pocketing the amount of the reduction and depriving the consumer in the United States of the reduction in price promised him by the low tariff theorists."—Ironton Register.

THE SOUTH IN THE SADDLE.

The Philadelphia Press draws attention to the fact that "more Southerners are in charge of the big executive departments of the Government than since back in the 50s." There is a distinct emphasis given to this fact by the insulting discrimination and "crowding-out" policy against colored employees in the departments. In Congress it is just as bad. Southerners hold the chairmanships of practically all of the committees, in both the House and Senate. The effect of this is seen in legislation. The tariff law itself is an evidence of this. While the general tenor of the law is one for revenue only, whatever protection to agricultural produce is given applies to those raised in the South; Northern farm products must meet keen competition from Canada and South America.—Ironton Register.



WARNING.
In a discussion of the number of automobile accidents due to carelessness or incompetent driving Henry Ford said the other day in Detroit.
"These accidents do automobiling harm. They make people talk like Cornelius Husk."
"Old Corn Husk's little grandson said to him one day, pointing to the horn of an automobile that had halted for repairs:
"What's that there thing for, grandpop?"
"That, sonny, old Corn Husk answered, 'is the thing they too afore they run ye down.'"

It has been authoritatively given out from Washington that John J. Berry, editor of the Paducah News-Democrat, will be appointed postmaster in that city, to succeed Frank M. Fisher.

SOME AID SOCIETY.

We recently made mention of the sale of tobacco by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, in which we gave receipts at \$90. The correct amount received from the sale was \$129.28.—Bracken Chronicle.

HOW MUCH DO YOU MAKE.

A Kansas City plumber sued the city and the court required that he put \$25 as a guaranty of the costs of the suit. He contested this action of the court, on the ground that he was a poor man, earning only \$5 or \$6 a day. But the court insisted that he give the guaranty, saying: "In fifteen years I have known but one bankrupt plumber, but there were hundreds of bankrupt lawyers." The particular significance of this item is not the allusion to the trade, but to the claim that a man who gets \$5 or \$6 a day cannot guarantee a \$25 costs bill.

No man is poor who gets those wages. He ought to save something, and he is not worth much if he does not. If a man lives the right sort of life he can own a nice little home in two or three years on those wages. And he would be a happier and truer man in the bargain.

PERT AND PERTINENT.

(Cynthiana Democrat.)
Cynthiana is an impulsive village. Villa is pronounced "Vil-yaw." Also butcher.

If you don't go to church Sunday you will be lonesome.

As a rule suicides' notes are poor literary efforts. Please don't write. The Cincinnati Enquirer killed 8,000 Mexican soldiers at Torreón, yesterday.

Something to worry about: An Ohio man was paralyzed by blowing his nose.

Since you ask, the farmers do not sow their tobacco seeds in the sewing room.

It cannot be true that man becomes what he eats. Too many old men would be soft-boiled eggs.

We are not sure the Baltimore surgeon was kind who grafted a pig's eye on a baby. The child is sure to look like a pig.

The warden of a Chicago house of correction has an infallible cure for the liquor habit. He tried it on three prisoners and they died.

Dr. Creelins, Secretary of State, has been appointed by Governor McCreary to the conference on weights and measures. He may attend if he doesn't forget about it.

HOW LIFE IS SPENT.

"The days of our lives are three-score years and ten," sings the Psalmist; and the man or woman who attains that age spends years of his life doing what are regarded as common daily actions. The average person of seventy has spent no fewer than twenty-three years of his life in bed, assuming that his nightly sleep has been eight hours throughout life, says the London Answers. Most people spend about fifteen minutes a day over the care of their teeth. The septuagenarians have thus spent almost a year in this way. How long have spent at table? Allow half an hour for each meal, and the answer years. They eat on an average loaf of bread a day. In a life three miles of loaves has consumed, supposing that they are put end to end. Including coffee and milk, three hundred of liquid have been accounted for by office man of seventy has put years in walking to the station his office. A woman of seventy, simple in her dress, has taken years in clothing herself. A woman who have reached the span of life will have used 6 of boots between them, 400 dresses and 500 hats.

ARE WOMEN NEEDED ON JURIES.

Quite recently the grand jury in Lexington investigated a correction institution and reported it in excellent condition.

It praised the Superintendent well, speaking of him as a most capable and scientific head of the institution.

Two days after the report was published, a woman interested in a small boy in the institution, paid him a visit.

She visited only one of the buildings.

What she saw was twenty boys walking through mud and snow with shoes so old and torn that they barely hung upon their feet.

A roller towel for the use of fifty seven boys as a substitute for handkerchiefs.

A furnace which did not properly heat the building.

Fifty single beds for fifty-seven boys.

Insufficient bed covering to permit the dormitory, where fifty-seven boys slept, to be ventilated at night.

The grand jury rendered a perfectly honest report of what they saw. They were men and men do not see the small details which make for proper house-keeping.

The one woman was a housekeeper and she saw.

—R. R. JUDAH, in Lexington Herald

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